

Reporter Sues Nixon, Kissinger

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New York Times reporter Hedrick Smith, acting "to further the cause of a free press," filed suit yesterday naming former President Nixon and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger as among those responsible for tapping his home telephone in 1969.

Smith did not ask for a specific amount of damages, but left the matter up to the U.S. District Court, where the suit was filed.

Smith said he does not intend to profit from the lawsuit. Any awards will be used for expenses and thereafter will be donated "to further the cause of a free press," he said.

He said the tap was put on his phone for a total of 89 days.

The defendants also included former Attorney General John N. Mitchell, White House aides H.R. Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman, various named and unnamed FBI officials and agents, and the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co.